

KAVANAUGH JOHN P
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 KAVANAUGH JOHN P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC. [THG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/09/2006

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 Vice President

C/O THE HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC., 440 LINCOLN STREET

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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WORCESTER, MA 01653

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/09/2006 | | M | A | \$ 35.375 | 37,140 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/09/2006 | | M | A | \$ 36.88 | 40,590 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/09/2006 | | S | D | \$ 46 | 38,620 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/09/2006 | | S | D | \$ 45.93 | 38,520 | D |
| | 02/09/2006 | | S | D | \$ 45.91 | 37,370 | D |

Common
Stock

| | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|--------|------------------|
| Common Stock | 02/09/2006 | S | 3,100 | D | \$ 45.9 | 34,270 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2006 | M | 5,300 | A | \$ 36.88 | 39,570 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2006 | S | 5,300 | D | \$ 46 | 34,270 | D ⁽¹⁾ |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 36.88 | 02/09/2006 | | M | 3,450 | ⁽²⁾ 02/27/2014 | Common Stock | 3,450 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 35.375 | 02/09/2006 | | M | 2,870 | ⁽³⁾ 05/20/2007 | Common Stock | 2,870 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 36.88 | 02/10/2006 | | M | 5,300 | ⁽²⁾ 02/27/2014 | Common Stock | 5,300 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KAVANAUGH JOHN P
C/O THE HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC.
440 LINCOLN STREET
WORCESTER, MA 01653

Vice
President

Signatures

John P.
Kavanaugh 02/13/2006

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Additional 481 shares held indirectly by 401(k) plan.
- (2) Option to purchase granted on February 27, 2004 under Issuer's Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan, which become exercisable at rate of 25% on February 27, 2005, 25% on February 27, 2006 and 50% on February 27, 2007.
- (3) Option to purchase granted on May 20, 1997 under Issuer's Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan, which become exercisable at the rate of 20% per year on each of the first five anniversaries of grant date.

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